

## Message Text

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P R 271213Z JAN 77 ZEL  
FM AMEMBASSY PARIS  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 9250  
INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN  
AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA  
AMEMBASSY BONN  
AMEMBASSY DAKAR  
AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM  
AMEMBASSY GABORONE  
AMEMBASSY KINSHASA  
AMEMBASSY LAGOS  
AMEMBASSY LONDON  
AMEMBASSY LUSAKA  
AMEMBASSY MAPUTO  
AMEMBASSY PRETORIA  
AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN  
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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (ADDITION OF EO TAGS & SUBJ)

FOR EMBASSY CAPE TOWN

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR FR RH UN  
SUBJ: FRANCE CLOSES RHODESIAN INFORMATION OFFICE

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. ON JAN 26, THE JOURNAL  
OFFICIEL CARRIED A MINISTERIAL DECISION DATED JAN 17  
LEGALLY DISSOLVING THE RHODESIAN INFORMATION OFFICE IN  
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PARIS. THE OFFICE HAS BEEN GIVEN ONE MONTH TO  
LIQUIDATE ITS AFFAIRS. "OFFICIAL SOURCES" STATED THAT  
THE ACTION WAS TAKEN IN APPLICATION OF UNITED NATIONS  
SANCTIONS. END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. QUAI RHODESIAN DESK OFFICER  
LODIOT TOLD US THAT THE MOVE WAS MADE AFTER A LONG

BATTLE BETWEEN THE QUAI AFRICAN BUREAU AND LEGAL EXPERTS. FOR OBVIOUS POLITICAL REASONS, THE QUAI WISHED TO CLOSE THE OFFICE, BUT THE EXPERTS HAD INSISTED THAT THERE WAS NO LEGAL WAY TO DO SO. THE POLITICAL ARGUMENTS FINALLY WON OUT AT A VERY HIGH LEVEL. THE TIMING, JUST BEFORE UNSC DEBATE ON RHODESIA, IS VERY SATISFYING TO THE QUAI.

3. COMMENT: SHADES OF ABU DAOUD.  
GAMMON

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